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**Booster fan use in the clothes  
dryer exhaust**

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Use of a booster fan in compliance with the exhaust duct requirements of 2007 California Mechanical Code 504.3.2.2 can be approved under “Alternate Materials and Methods of Construction” per Milpitas Municipal Code II-1-6.01 if the following conditions are met:

1. Compliance with all installation instructions of the manufacturer.
2. The booster fan shall be readily accessible for inspection, service (lint removal), repair or replacement, without the use of ladders and/or special tools.
3. The booster fan must be functional, i.e. the sensor shall always be on and shall not be shut down manually.
4. The discharge shall be in an approved location and have a visible point of discharge.
5. Specially designed clothes dryer appliances shall not be used in lieu of an external booster fan to meet the exhaust ducting requirements.